IN FAR-OFF AMERICA, DIANA PALMER WRITES A NOTE...
Darling— It's been so long. When will we see each other again? I miss you terribly. Love, Diana
OH, DEAR... I HOPE HE RECEIVES THIS...

LATER, IN BANGALLA...
YUP.... AIRMAIL LETTER IN BOX 7 FOR MR. WALKER.
SAY... I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM. WHO IS HE?
MR. WALKER IS... MR. WALKER.*
TALK & BARRY 8/26
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* FOR THE GHOST WHO WALKS.

DIANA, IN FAR-OFF AMERICA...
HOW WILL MY NOTE REACH HIM?

A RELAY RUNNER... THE JUNGLE POSTMAN...
TAKE CARE OF THE ONE I GAVE YOU, FOR HIM!
I KNOW.

AT THE GREAT SWAMP... THE MONKEY MAIL TAKES OVER...
TALK & BARRY 8/27
...EN ROUTE TO THE DEEP WOODS!

IN THE DEEP WOODS...
LOOK, UNCLE WALKER, THE MONKEY MAIL. A LETTER...

FROM THE COUNCIL OF CHIEFS? THEY EXPECT YOU AT THEIR MEETING?
IS IT... BAD NEWS... UNCLE WALKER?*
?
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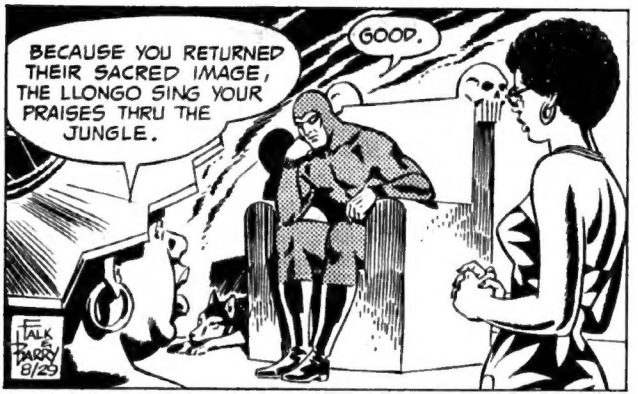
* FOR THE GHOST WHO WALKS.


BECAUSE YOU RETURNED THEIR SACRED IMAGE, THE LLONGO SING YOUR PRAISES THRU THE JUNGLE.
GOOD.
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THEY SAY YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE SEVERAL TIMES FOR THEM.
TRUE.
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THIS WAS A TRIUMPH. ARE YOU NOT HAPPY?
OF COURSE, MISS TAGAMA.
?
BEGINNING: THE NORMAL LIFE.

DO YOU TIRE OF THIS LIFE YOU LEAD, O GHOST WHO WALKS ?
WHY DO YOU ASK, GURAN ?

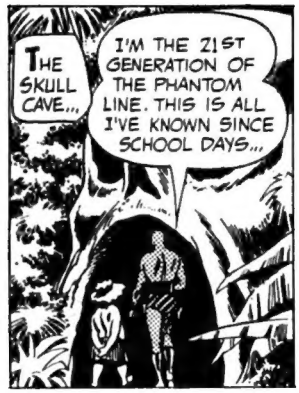
THE HARDSHIP... DANGER... ALWAYS HELPING OTHERS... IT IS A WORTHY THING TO DO...

I KNOW HOW PEOPLE LIVE IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD... THE NORMAL LIFE... DO YOU SOMETIMES YEARN FOR IT ?
I HATE TO ADMIT IT... BUT... NOW AND THEN... YES.
?
FALK & BARRY 8/30
TOMORROW: END OF THE PHANTOM ?

YOUR LOVED ONE, LADY DIANA, IS FAR AWAY. DO YOU MISS HER ?
VERY MUCH, GURAN.

ARE YOU HINTING I SHOULD LEAVE THE JUNGLE FOR THAT "NORMAL LIFE" YOU TALKED ABOUT ?
FALK & BARRY 8/31

SHOULD THE PHANTOM LINE END WITH ME?
I'VE KNOWN YOU SINCE YOU WERE BORN... THE JUNGLE WOULD BE POORER WITHOUT YOU, O GHOST WHO WALKS...
?!


THE SKULL CAVE...
I'M THE 21ST GENERATION OF THE PHANTOM LINE. THIS IS ALL I'VE KNOWN SINCE SCHOOL DAYS...

THE PHANTOM CHRONICLES FOUR CENTURIES OF PHANTOM ADVENTURES...
COULD I GIVE UP ALL THIS... ?
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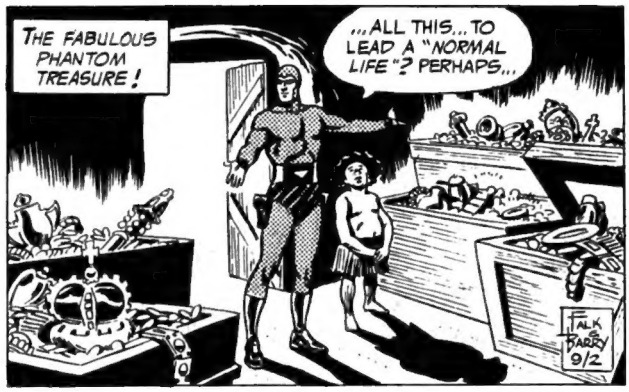
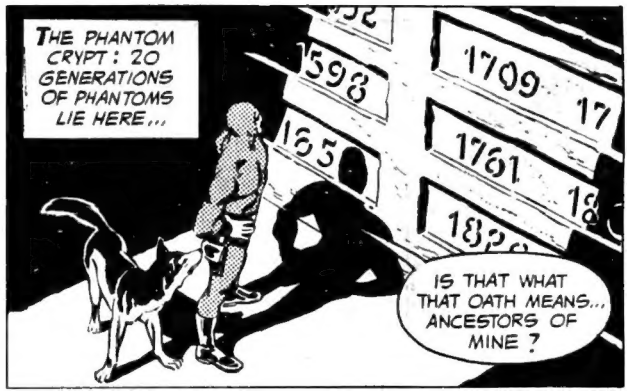

THE FABULOUS PHANTOM TREASURE!
...ALL THIS... TO LEAD A "NORMAL LIFE"? PERHAPS...
FALK & BARRY 9/2

WHEN MY FATHER DIED IN THIS CAVE... I TOOK THE OATH TO CARRY ON THE PHANTOM LINE...

DOES THAT MEAN... FOR ALL MY LIFE... UNTIL ONE OF THOSE BULLETS OR KNIVES FINISHES ME ?
FALK & BARRY 9/3


THE PHANTOM CRYPT: 20 GENERATIONS OF PHANTOMS LIE HERE...
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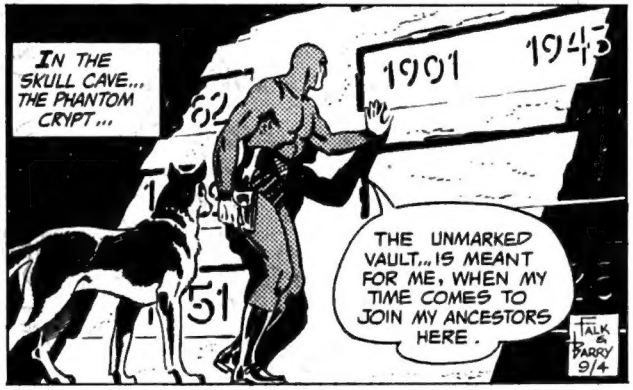
IS THAT WHAT THAT OATH MEANS... ANCESTORS OF MINE ?


IN THE SKULL CAVE... THE PHANTOM CRYPT...
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THE UNMARKED VAULT... IS MEANT FOR ME, WHEN MY TIME COMES TO JOIN MY ANCESTORS HERE.
TALK & BARRY 9/4

I WONDER ABOUT THAT "NORMAL LIFE." WOULD I BE HAPPY... NOT BEING THE PHANTOM?

SHOULD I GIVE IT A TRY, DEVIL?
?

MUST I CONTINUE AS THE PHANTOM, DEVIL, UNTIL A BULLET FINISHES ME... WITHOUT LEAVING AN HEIR TO CARRY ON?

OR SHOULD I MARRY, RAISE A SON TO FOLLOW ME... UNTIL A BULLET FINISHES HIM?

OR SHOULD I MARRY DIANA AND LEAD A "NORMAL LIFE"?
WHO IS THERE TO TELL ME?
??
??
TALK & BARRY 9/5

CAN I SEE MYSELF MARRIED TO DIANA... LEADING A "NORMAL LIFE" WITH A 9 TO 5 JOB?
?

..."COMING HOME AT NIGHT TO A ROSE-COVERED COTTAGE..."

..."LIKE NORMAL PEOPLE DO...?"
DADDY'S HOME!
DADDY...
DADDY...
TALK & BARRY 9/6

CAN I LEAD A "NORMAL LIFE"?
ARE YOU HAPPY, DEAR?
VERY.

DEAR, AFTER YOU FINISH THE DISHES, WILL YOU CUT THE LAWN?
GLADLY...

I'VE GOT TO REACH A DECISION... REMAIN HERE... OR... GO...
TALK & BARRY 9/7

IS THAT THE "NORMAL LIFE" FOR ME?
FALK & BARRY 9/9

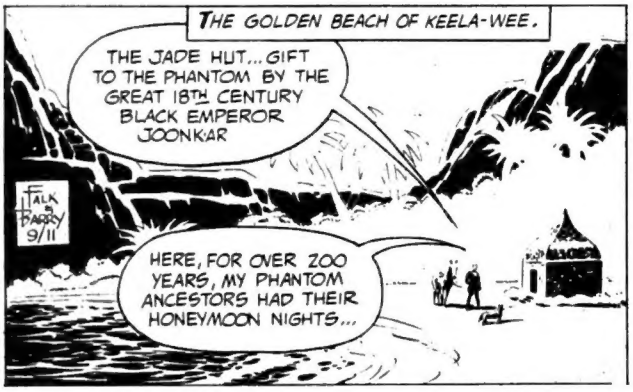
HE SEEMS WORRIED. WHY, GURAN?
IF HE WISHES TO TELL US, HE WILL, MISS TAGAMA.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, UNCLE WALKER?*
TO BE ALONE. TO THINK... TO MAKE A DECISION...
TO DECIDE ...IF HE'LL LEAVE US...
* FOR THE GHOST WHO WALKS.
TOMORROW: KEELA-WEE.

RIDING PAST THE NATURAL PEAK CALLED "PHANTOM HEAD"...

THE "WHISPERING GROVE," WHERE THE WIND MAKES STRANGE SOUNDS...
PHANTOM-PHANTOM

...TO THE GOLDEN BEACH OF KEELA-WEE... AND THE JADE HUT...
CAN I GIVE UP THIS WORLD...TO LEAD A NORMAL LIFE OUTSIDE WITH DIANA?
FALK & BARRY 9/10


THE GOLDEN BEACH OF KEELA-WEE.
THE JADE HUT... GIFT TO THE PHANTOM BY THE GREAT 18TH CENTURY BLACK EMPEROR JOONKAR
FALK & BARRY 9/11
HERE, FOR OVER 200 YEARS, MY PHANTOM ANCESTORS HAD THEIR HONEYMOON NIGHTS...

THINK DIANA WOULD LIKE TO SPEND HER HONEYMOON NIGHT HERE, DEVIL?
HMM. THIS SAND...50% PURE GOLD...

THE GOLDEN BEACH...THE JADE HUT...CAN I QUIT THIS WORLD...?
THE PHANTOM... TRYING TO DECIDE...

EDEN
FALK & BARRY 9/12

THE PHANTOM'S ISLE OF EDEN...WHERE THE ANIMALS LIVE IN PEACE. THEY SENSE THEIR MASTER...
HELLO...
!!!!
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ACROSS THE PIRANHA-INFESTED RIVER...

HELLO, STRIPES!
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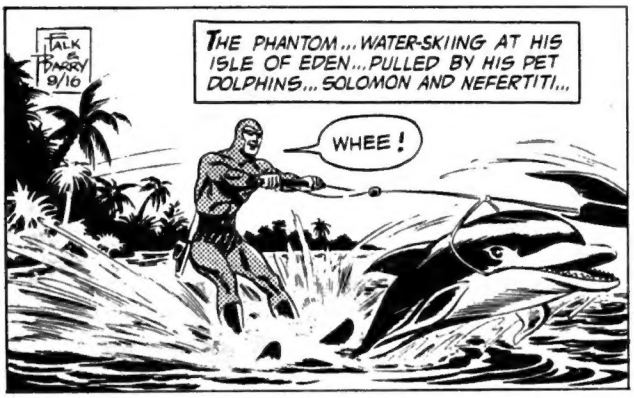
THE PHANTOM'S ISLE OF EDEN... HE BROUGHT ALL THE ANIMALS THERE AS BABIES...
ALL MY PETS. IF I LEAVE YOU FOR THE OUTSIDE WORLD... WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU?
FALK & BARRY 9/13

THE PHANTOM WITH HIS PETS ON HIS ISLE OF EDEN...
I'VE GOT TO DECIDE... IF I CAN LEAVE ALL THIS... FOR THE OUTSIDE WORLD...
FALK & BARRY 9/14

IN THE LAGOON... THE BIG CATS CATCH THEIR OWN FISH... AS HE RAISED THEM TO DO...
...TO LEAD A NORMAL LIFE...
SOLOMON... NEFERTITI...
HIS TWO DOLPHINS... SOLOMON (THE WISE) AND NEFERTITI (THE BEAUTIFUL)...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THE PHANTOM... WATER-SKIING AT HIS ISLE OF EDEN... PULLED BY HIS PET DOLPHINS... SOLOMON AND NEFERTITI...
WHEE!

I CAN'T DELAY FOREVER... I'VE GOT TO DECIDE... WHETHER TO CONTINUE THIS LIFE... OR QUIT... AND TRY A "NORMAL LIFE."

I'VE DECIDED... (BLUB)
WHAT?
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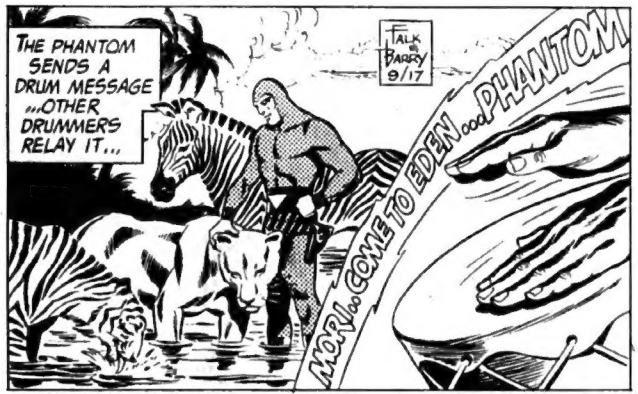

THE PHANTOM SENDS A DRUM MESSAGE ...OTHER DRUMMERS RELAY IT...
FALK & BARRY 9/17
MORI... COME TO EDEN... PHANTOM

SOON, IN REPLY... THE MORI FISHERFOLK...

WE CAME AS FAST AS WE COULD. IS THERE TROUBLE HERE?
NO. I HAVE CALLED YOU... TO PREVENT TROUBLE IN EDEN.
?

MEN OF MORI...AS YOU KNOW, I TRAINED THESE CATS TO EAT ONLY FISH...
YOU HAVE KEPT THIS LAGOON STOCKED... THEY CATCH THEIR OWN MEALS...
TRULY...IT IS AMAZING, O GHOST WHO WALKS.

THE CATS HAVE NEVER TASTED ANY MEAT...THEY LIVE IN PEACE WITH THE OTHERS...THIS MUST CONTINUE...
FALK & BARRY 9/18

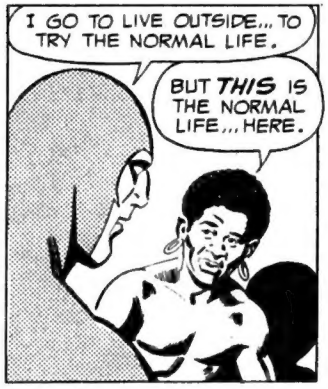
ALSO, HUNTERS MUST BE KEPT AWAY...
WE KNOW THIS, O GHOST WHO WALKS.
YOU SPEAK... AS IF YOU WILL NOT BE HERE...

YOU ARE GOING AWAY ? BUT YOU WILL RETURN.
I DO NOT KNOW. TAKE CARE OF THESE PETS, MEN OF MORI, YOU LOVE THEM AS I DO.

FALK & BARRY 9/19
GOOD-BYE... ALL MY PRECIOUS FRIENDS...

GOOD-BYE...
HE MUST COME BACK. THE PHANTOM ALWAYS HAS...
HE SAID... HE DIDN'T KNOW...

MEN OF BANDAR, I AM GOING AWAY. DURING THIS TIME, THERE WILL BE NO PHANTOM.
BUT YOU'LL RETURN.
THERE IS ALWAYS A PHANTOM.


I GO TO LIVE OUTSIDE... TO TRY THE NORMAL LIFE.
BUT THIS IS THE NORMAL LIFE... HERE.

WILL YOU... GO TO LADY DIANA ?
NO...I MUST FIRST TRY OUT THE NORMAL LIFE, TO SEE IF I FIT IN IT.
FALK & BARRY 9/20

WILL YOU TAKE GOLD...TO PAY YOUR WAY OUTSIDE ?
NO, THE PHANTOM TREASURE MAY BE USED ONLY TO FIGHT EVIL.
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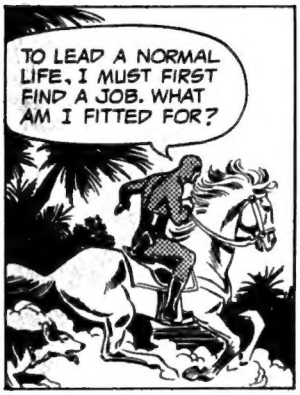
I MUST MAKE MY WAY IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD, AS OTHERS DO.
HOW DO THEY DO THAT, O GHOST WHO WALKS ?

IT'S CALLED GETTING A JOB. DOING WORK EVERY DAY.
IT SOUNDS AWFUL.
FALK & BARRY 9/21

I'M GOING AWAY, REX. IN TIME, I'LL SEND FOR YOU.
YES, UNCLE WALKER.*
*FOR THE GHOST WHO WALKS.

GOODBYE, MISS TAGAMA... AND GURAN. PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF REX.
WE WILL (SOB).
FAREWELL, FRIENDS.

GOOD-BYE...
IS THIS REAL? AM I GOING AWAY... FOR GOOD?
FALK & BARRY 9/23


TO LEAD A NORMAL LIFE, I MUST FIRST FIND A JOB. WHAT AM I FITTED FOR?

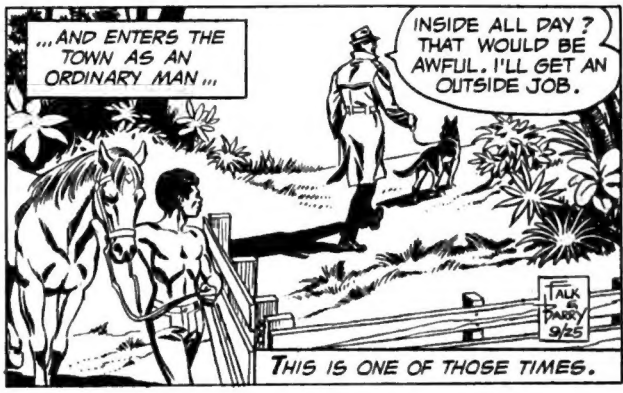
A CRIME-FIGHTER? NO, I'VE DONE THAT ALL MY LIFE. SOMETHING DIFFERENT...

HUNTER... SAFARI GUIDE... GAME WARDEN? NO... SOMETHING TO GET ME OUT OF THE JUNGLE.

BUTCHER, BAKER, CANDLE-STICK MAKER... LAWYER, DOCTOR, BEGGARMAN, THIEF...? HMM...?
FALK & BARRY 9/24

THERE ARE TIMES, IT'S SAID, WHEN THE PHANTOM LEAVES THE JUNGLE...

EVER HAD A JOB, TOMA?
ONCE... A CLERK... INSIDE ALL DAY. AWFUL...


...AND ENTERS THE TOWN AS AN ORDINARY MAN...
INSIDE ALL DAY? THAT WOULD BE AWFUL. I'LL GET AN OUTSIDE JOB.
FALK & BARRY 9/25
THIS IS ONE OF THOSE TIMES.

I WANT A ROOM.
ROOM
NO PETS
NO KIDS
YOU CAN READ, MISTER.

ROOM FOR RENT
DOG'S OKAY. ONE WEEK'S RENT IN ADVANCE.
I'LL BE BACK.
AFTER I GET SOME MONEY

AS THE PHANTOM STARTS THE "NORMAL LIFE."
COFFEE SHOP
YOU'RE HUNGRY, DEVIL. SO AM I. WE CAN'T HUN'T HERE... AND CAN'T EAT UNTIL WE GET MONEY...
HELP WANTED
FALK & BARRY 9/26

CAN'T GET A JOB TILL TOMORROW, DEVIL. BUT NEED FOOD NOW.
FALK & BARRY 9/27
COFFEE SHOP
URFF.

NEED FOOD FOR MY DOG AND MYSELF. NO MONEY. CAN I WORK FOR IT?
YUP. WORK FIRST. EAT AFTER.

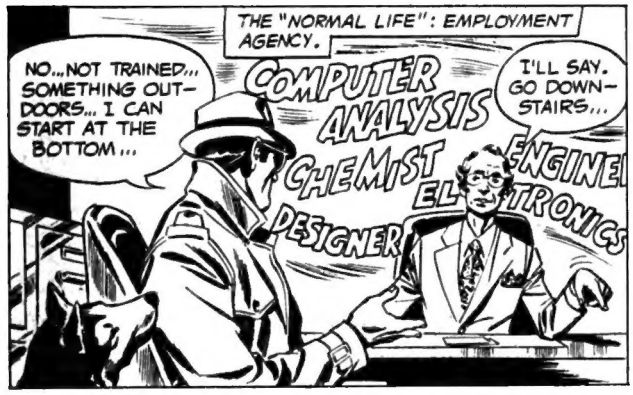
THE NORMAL LIFE? NOT SURE WE'LL LIKE IT, DEVIL.
CRAZY GUY. DOESN'T EVEN TAKE OFF HIS HAT.

HAVE TO SLEEP HERE, UNTIL WE EARN MONEY FOR A ROOM, DEVIL.
GET MOVING, BUM, AND TAKE THAT CUR WITH YOU!
POLICE

WE'RE NOT HURTING YOUR HAYSTACK, JUST WANT TO SLEEP.
PRIVATE PROPERTY! MOVE, OR I'LL BLAST YOU!

THIS "NORMAL LIFE" IS NOT EASY. TEMPTED TO GO BACK TO THE DEEP WOODS!
FALK & BARRY 9/28

NO, HAVE TO GIVE IT A CHANCE, FOR DIANA...


THE "NORMAL LIFE": EMPLOYMENT AGENCY.
NO...NOT TRAINED... SOMETHING OUT-DOORS... I CAN START AT THE BOTTOM...
I'LL SAY. GO DOWN-STAIRS...
COMPUTER ANALYSIS
CHEMIST
ENGINEER
ELECTRONICS
DESIGNER

YOU'LL DO. REPORT AT 6 A.M.
?

DIGGING DITCHES. YES... OUTDOORS...STARTING AT THE BOTTOM...
FALK & BARRY 9/30
?

PETE, LOOK AT THAT NEW GUY.
?
HEY, YOU, TAKE IT EASY.

THIS JOB CAN LAST A WEEK. THE WAY YOU'RE GOIN', IT'LL BE OVER TODAY. SLOW UP!
FALK & BARRY 10/1
SORRY... I WAS HIRED TO WORK. I WORK.
WATCH WHAT BIG PETE DOES TO HIM NOW!

CHUMP... SLOW UP... TAKE IT EASY.
WHY? WE WERE ALL HIRED TO DIG THIS DITCH.
FALK & BARRY 10/2

THE WAY YOU'RE GOIN', IT'LL BE FINISHED TODAY. WE WANT TO DRAG IT OUT ...FOR A WEEK.
YOU WORK YOUR WAY. I'LL WORK MINE.

WHAT A DUMMY.
WATCH BIG PETE WALLOP HIM!

I GOTTA POUND SOME SENSE INTO YOUR THICK SKULL, YOU CREEP!
STAY, DEVIL.
GRRRR

BIG PETE'S BLOW IS STOPPED... BY A PALM LIKE A STONE WALL!
OWWW!

FALK & BARRY 10/3
WHAM
WOW!
THE BLOW'S RETURNED... WITH INTEREST!

I DIDN'T HIT YOU TOO HARD, BIG PETE... SO YOU COULD GET BACK TO WORK.
WHY... YOU... YOU...

!

FALK & BARRY 10/4
!!!
CRASH
"PHANTOM IS ROUGH ON ROUGHNECKS." OLD JUNGLE SAYING.

AS THE PHANTOM TAKES CARE OF THE BULLY ON THE JOB...
FALK & BARRY 10/5
!!!
CRASH

ANY MORE COMMENTS ABOUT MY WORKING TOO FAST?
NO...
NOT ME.
NOT ME...

THIS IS THE "NORMAL LIFE," DEVIL. HOW DO YOU LIKE IT SO FAR?

NAME ?
PAY WINDOW
WALKER.*
THIS IS A THRILL ... MY FIRST PAYDAY.
*FOR "THE GHOST WHO WALKS."
THIS IS ONLY HALF MY PAY..
YEAH... MINUS USUAL DEDUCTIONS. PENSION FUND... UNION DUES... CITY, COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL TAXES...
OLD AGE TAX
HEALTH TAX
SOCIAL SECURITY
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURA
THEY DIDN'T TELL ME THIS WAS PART OF THE "NORMAL LIFE."
OFFICE
TALK & BARRY 10/7
THE PHANTOM... IN HIS "NORMAL LIFE" DISGUISE...
THOSE DEDUCTIONS TOOK HALF MY PAY... STILL ENOUGH FOR ROOM AND BOARD...
GIMME THAT DOUGH... OR ELSE!
HE STIFLES HIS FIRST IMPULSE TO WHIRL AND CRUSH THE MUGGER...
NO... I'M NOT A CRIME-FIGHTER NOW... I'LL LET THE LAW HANDLE THIS...
OFFICER... THAT MAN ROBBED ME... AFTER HIM..!
TALK & BARRY 10/8
?!
I'M A PARK GUARD. I HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO MAKE AN ARREST...
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
HEY...!
!
CALL AN AMBULANCE.
THEY TAKE TOO LONG... THE HOSPITAL IS JUST A BLOCK AWAY...
PATIENT'S NAME... ADDRESS... AGE... INSURANCE...?
EMERGENCY
X-RAY
TALK & BARRY 10/9
NURSE... THIS MAN WAS HIT BY A CAR!
DON'T RUSH ME! WE MUST FOLLOW THE RULES!
GROAN... GROAN...
YOU SURE MY CLIENT WAS THE HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER?
I SAW HIS FACE, BRIEFLY..
TALK & BARRY 10/10
WHAT COLOR WAS HIS CAR?... HIS SUIT?... HIS SHIRT?... WHAT KIND OF HAT?... WHAT TIME WAS IT...?
I CAN'T REMEMBER ALL THAT... IT WAS ABOUT TEN..
ABOUT? I CAN PROVE MY CLIENT WAS 50 MILES AWAY AT THE ALLEGED TIME...
CASE DISMISSED.
BUT I SAW HIM... "NORMAL-LIFE" LAW... HMM...

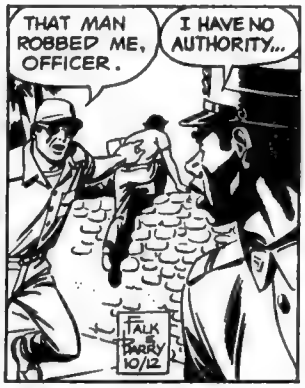
I WAS ROBBED, BUT I'LL PAY FOR MY ROOM TOMORROW.
ROOMS
HMM... DRANK IT UP, MORE LIKELY! GET LOST!

IN THE JUNGLE, IF A MAN NEEDS SHELTER, HE IS GIVEN IT..

IF HE IS HUNGRY, HE IS FED. NO ONE IS TURNED AWAY. AND WE ARE CALLED "PRIMITIVE."
FALK & BARRY 10/11

NO LOITERING. GET MOVING.
FRIENDLY FOLK IN THE CITY, DEVIL...

THE PHANTOM... IN PURSUIT OF THE "NORMAL LIFE."
HALF MY PAY HELD FOR TAXES?
YOU GOT IT, BUDDY. NEXT!
PAY WINDOW


THAT MAN ROBBED ME, OFFICER.
I HAVE NO AUTHORITY...
FALK & BARRY 10/12

BUT I SAW THE HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER.
NO EVIDENCE..
NO MONEY... NO ROOM...
NO LOITERING .. MOVE!

DIANA... I'LL GET USED TO THIS "NORMAL LIFE" FOR YOU... IF IT KILLS ME...

I PROMISED TO GIVE THIS "NORMAL LIFE" A FAIR TRY, DEVIL. IT GETS HARDER EVERY DAY.

HAVE TO FIND A NEW JOB... ANYTHING BUT CRIME-FIGHTING... I'VE DONE THAT ALL MY LIFE. HEY?
HELP...

HELP--PLEASE--THEY'RE ROBBING ME... OU..
FALK & BARRY 10/14
THOSE PEOPLE ...PAYING NO ATTENTION!

HELP... HELP...
??
FALK & BARRY 10/15

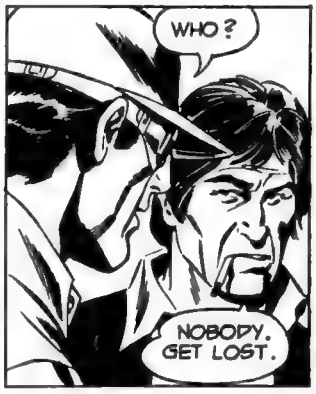
UH... THEY ROBBED ME... THEY HURT ME...
WHY DIDN'T ANY OF YOU HELP HIM?
YOU KIDDING?
...YOU A HERO?
WHO WANTS TO GET INVOLVED?
DON'T BE A FOOL..

THE PHANTOM ... LEARNING "NORMAL LIFE."
THIS MAN WAS MUGGED. THOSE PEOPLE WERE CLOSE ENOUGH TO IDENTIFY THE MUGGERS.
NOT ME...
NOT ME...
DIDN'T SEE A THING.
FALK & BARRY 10/16

IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT. EVERYONE'S AFRAID.
WITH GOOD REASON, I GUESS...

I'LL TRY TO FIND THEM. CAN'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT!
!

DID YOU SEE TWO TALL GUYS... ONE WEARING A CHECKERED CAP... ONE WITH RED HAIR..?
HE MEANS AL AND BEANIE...
SHH...


WHO?
NOBODY. GET LOST.

WHO... WHERE?
URK...AL... BEANIE... AT POOL HALL...URK...
FALK & BARRY 10/17

HERE I GO AGAIN, DEVIL. CHASING HOODS. CAN'T SEEM TO STOP...
HAPPY TI
POOL
FALK & BARRY 10/18

AND THE OLD GUY WAS CRYIN' LIKE A BABY.
IN DAY-LIGHT! WOW!

YOU TWO RIPPED OFF THAT MAN IN THE PARK.
WHO SAYS SO...?
AND WHO CARES?

WHAT ARE YOU... SOME KINDA PLAIN-CLOTHES COP?
NO... DOING MY DUTY. EVER HEAR OF A CITIZEN'S ARREST?
COME AGAIN?

CITIZEN'S ARREST. I'LL DEMONSTRATE. I'M ARRESTING YOU TWO FOR THAT MUGGING.
AND HE'S NOT EVEN A COP.
WOW... IS THAT FUNNY!
HEE HEE...
HO HO...
YAK YAK...
FALK & BARRY 10/19
CONT: THE NORMAL LIFE.

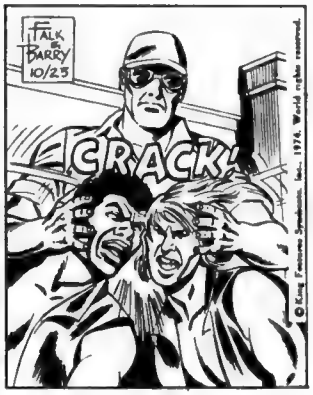
THE PHANTOM AND THE "NORMAL LIFE."
I'M MAKING A CITIZEN'S ARREST... YOU TWO...
LET HIM HAVE IT!
RIGHT!

YOU'RE BOTH UNDER ARREST FOR ROBBING THAT MAN IN THE PARK!
FINISH HIM!
TALK & BARRY 10/21

AS THE MUGGERS RUSH THE PHANTOM...
!
THIS IS THE LAST CITIZEN'S ARREST YOU'LL EVER MAKE!
!
FINISH HIM!

"PHANTOM'S ROUGH WITH ROUGHNECKS"... OLD JUNGLE SAYING.
CRASH!
TALK & BARRY 10/22

CRASH!


TALK & BARRY 10/23
CRACK!

NOW...I'M MAKING A CITIZEN'S ARREST. ANY ARGUMENTS... FROM ANY OF YOU?
NO...
WOW...
OKAY...

YES...THOSE TWO ROBBED AND BEAT ME. AREN'T YOU BEING ROUGH WITH THEM?
YES...AS THEY WERE WITH YOU.

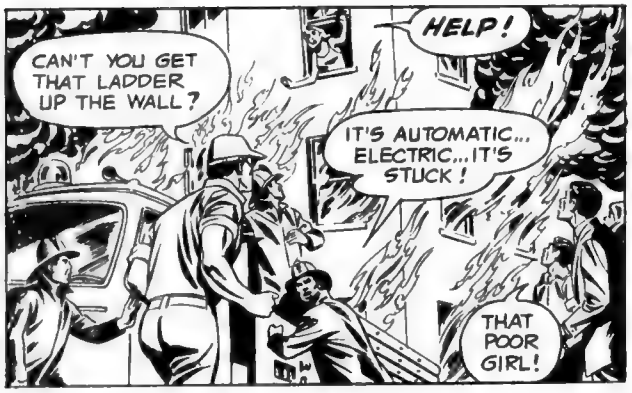
THESE TWO ROBBED AND ASSAULTED THIS MAN IN THE PARK...
!

OKAY... AND THEN... HEY... WHERE DID HE GO?
TALK & BARRY 10/24
HE WAS RIGHT HERE...

I DIDN'T WANT TO GO AFTER THOSE MUGGERS. I'M TRYING TO LEAD A SIMPLE NORMAL LIFE...

NO MORE ADVENTURE... I WANT TO FIND A PLAIN JOB...LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE...
?
TALK & BARRY 10/25

HELP!
START THE LADDER...
CAN'T...IT'S STUCK...
OH...OH... OH...THAT GIRL...
THEY'LL NEVER REACH HER...IN TIME...


CAN'T YOU GET THAT LADDER UP THE WALL?
HELP!
IT'S AUTOMATIC... ELECTRIC...IT'S STUCK!
THAT POOR GIRL!

MACHINES! GIVE ME PEOPLE. THEY DON'T GET STUCK...
TALK & BARRY 10/26

HELP...
CAN'T GET THE LADDER TO HER...

TALK & BARRY 10/28
HEY... WHAT'S THAT GUY DOING UP THERE?

HELP- HELP-
...WAIT!
!!!!!

THE PHANTOM...TRYING THE "NORMAL LIFE..."

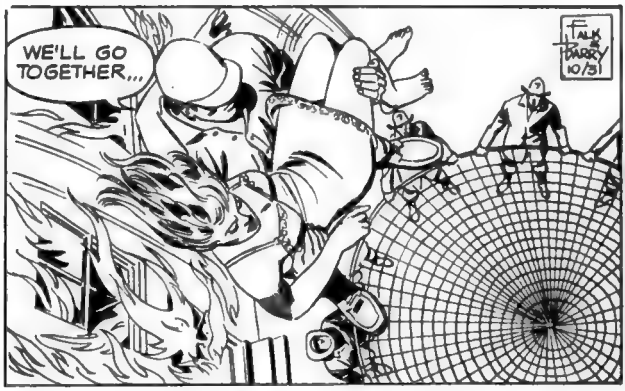
TALK & BARRY 10/29
GIVE ME YOUR HAND.
UH... CAN'T... AFRAID...
!
!
!

GIVE ME YOUR HAND... NO OTHER WAY!
I'M AFRAID!

LOOK!
THIS "NORMAL LIFE" IS NOT EASY...
FALK & BARRY 10/30
WOW!
DON'T DROP HER!

EASY NOW...
HE GOT HER TO THE ROOF ...GET THE NET READY...

JUMP...THE BUILDING'S GOING TO CAVE IN...
I CAN'T--


WE'LL GO TOGETHER...
FALK & BARRY 10/31

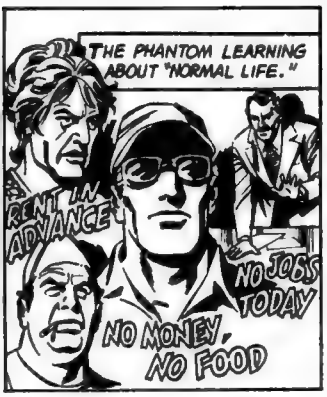
AS THE PHANTOM LEAPS WITH THE GIRL FROM THE BURNING BUILDING...
EEEEEEEEEEEP!
FALK & BARRY 11/1

JUST IN TIME... THERE GOES THE BUILDING!
CRASH!

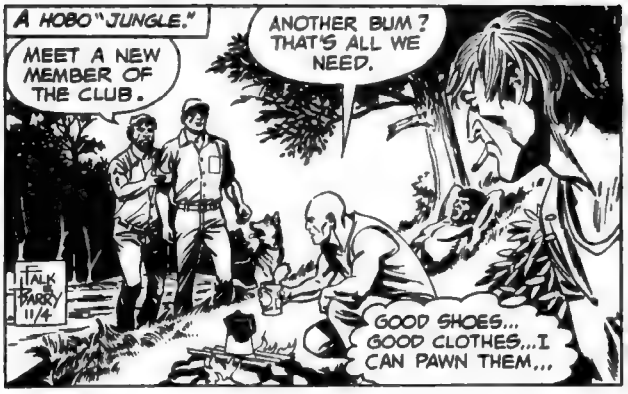
AS THE PHANTOM RESCUES A GIRL FROM A FIRE...
EEEE!
WOW...THEY MADE IT...
CR
SH!
JUST IN TIME!
FALK & BARRY 11/2

YOU OKAY?
I GUESS SO... WHERE'S...THAT MAN...WHO SAVED ME?

HE'S GONE...HE SHOULD GET A MEDAL!
WHO WAS HE?


THE PHANTOM LEARNING ABOUT "NORMAL LIFE."
RENT IN ADVANCE
NO JOBS TODAY
NO MONEY, NO FOOD

BROTHER, CAN YOU SPARE A DIME?
SORRY... I'M BROKE MYSELF...


A HOBO "JUNGLE."
MEET A NEW MEMBER OF THE CLUB.
ANOTHER BUM? THAT'S ALL WE NEED.
GOOD SHOES... GOOD CLOTHES... I CAN PAWN THEM...
FALK & BARRY 11/4

THE PHANTOM... IN A HOBO "JUNGLE"...
WHY DON'T WE WORK? NOT ENOUGH JOBS. WE GAVE UP.
HOW DO YOU LIVE?
BEG, BORROW... STEAL.
PIPE DOWN, YOU GUYS. GO T'SLEEP...

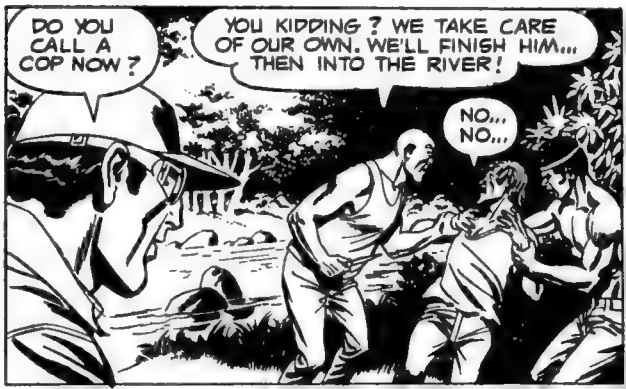
I CAN USE HIS SHOES... PAWN HIS CLOTHES... GET BOOZE...
FALK & BARRY 11/5

IN THE HOBO "JUNGLE"...
EEEE...

FALK & BARRY 11/6
HONEST... I WAS JUST ...UH...

HE TRIED TO KNIFE YOU... FOR YOUR SHOES AND CLOTHES... TO BUY BOOZE...
UH... NO... I... UH...
HOBOS STEALING FROM EACH OTHER... THIS IS THE BOTTOM OF THE "NORMAL LIFE."

THIS CREEP TRIED TO KNIFE YOU IN YOUR SLEEP... TO STEAL YOUR SHOES AND CLOTHES... TO BUY BOOZE...
NO.. I.. I.. UH..
WHAT'S HIS NAME?
FALK & BARRY 11/7
NOBODY'S GOT A NAME HERE.


DO YOU CALL A COP NOW?
YOU KIDDING? WE TAKE CARE OF OUR OWN. WE'LL FINISH HIM... THEN INTO THE RIVER!
NO... NO...

YOU CAN'T KILL HIM!
WHY NOT? HE TRIED TO KILL YOU. HE COULD TRY WITH ANY OF US...
FALK & BARRY 11/8

NO... I CAN'T LET YOU DO THIS!
WE GOT OUR OWN LAW HERE...
TRY TO STOP US.. AND YOU'LL END UP IN THE RIVER WITH HIM!

IN THE HOBO "JUNGLE"... AS THE PHANTOM TRIES THE "NORMAL LIFE"...
YOU STUPID FOOL...HE TRIED TO KILL YOU IN YOUR SLEEP...FOR YOUR SHOES!
I CAN'T LET YOU KILL HIM. TURN HIM OVER TO THE LAW.
FALK & BARRY 11/9

WE'RE OUR OWN LAW HERE!
YOU ASKED FOR IT!

IN THE HOBO "JUNGLE"—AS THE ANGRY MEN CHARGE THE PHANTOM...
YOU TRAITOR! ...UH..
GET 'EM BOTH!
FALK & BARRY 11/11

EEEE!
YOU.. MUST LEARN.. NOT TO TAKE.. THE LAW INTO YOUR OWN HANDS...
UH... UMPH...

USING THE HOBO LEADER AS A CLUB... THE PHANTOM PROTECTS THE MAN WHO'D TRIED TO KNIFE HIM...
UMPH...
WHAT TH..?!
UH...
OW...

COME ON, YOU... TIME TO TAKE OFF!
!
FALK & BARRY 11/12

NO... NO...
COME! IF YOU STAY HERE.. THEY'LL KILL YOU!

WE CAN STOP NOW...THEY CAN'T FIND US.
UH..UH.. (PUFF-PUFF) PLEASE.. DON'T KILL ME...
..I WASN'T GOING TO... KILL YOU..ALL I WANTED... WERE YOUR SHOES. I'VE GOT.. NONE...
ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS... ASK.
??!!
FALK & BARRY 11/13
YOU'RE GIVING ME... YOUR SHOES...AFTER I...AFTER I...
...AFTER YOU TRIED TO KILL ME TO GET THEM ? YES.
FALK & BARRY 11/14
WHO... WHO ARE YOU ?
NO NAMES... REMEMBER... IN THIS HOBO JUNGLE.
?!
A TEMPORARY JOB ON THE DOCKS...AS THE PHANTOM TRIES THE "NORMAL LIFE."
WE MADE ENOUGH FOR SHOES AND A MEAL, DEVIL. FIRST...SOME SHOES..
SHOES
NEXT DOOR... AT THE BANK... ROBBERY!
SHOES
ALLEN
799
GANGALLA NATL BANK
HEY... THERE'S FUZZ!
KEEP GOING... CAN'T STOP NOW!
FALK & BARRY 11/15
THESE SHOES'LL BE FINE. HOW MUCH ?
TWENTY-- UH...WHAT'S THAT ?
GUNFIRE!
COME OUT...WITH YOUR HANDS UP! YOU'RE SURROUNDED!
GET LOST, YOU CREEPS! WE'VE GOT TEN HOSTAGES IN HERE!
GANGALLA NATL BANK
POLICE
POLICE
FALK & BARRY 11/16

A DAYLIGHT BANK ROBBERY... STALLED...
LINE UP AT THE WALL... ALL OF YOU!
JACK... COPS OUTSIDE!
!
NOV 18

TALK & BARRY 11/18
ROBBERS... NEXT DOOR!
YOU'RE SURROUNDED. COME OUT... SURRENDER... OR WE'LL COME IN AFTER YOU!
GO TO BLAZES!...
POLICE

YOU'VE GOT FIVE MINUTES TO SURRENDER. COME OUT... HANDS IN THE AIR!
POLICE
TALK & BARRY 11/19
OLICE

YOU KIDDING, YOU CREEPS? WE'VE GOT TEN PEOPLE IN HERE!
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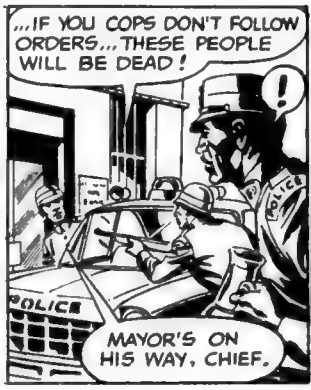
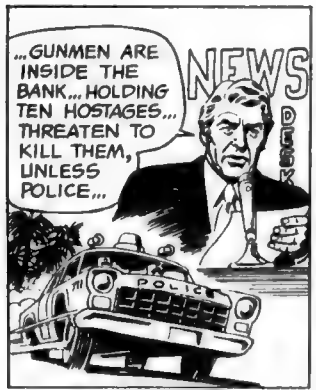
IF YOU COPS DON'T FOLLOW MY ORDERS, WE'LL KILL THEM ALL!

DAYLIGHT BANK ROBBERY...
!
OPEN UP!
POUR IT, LADY!
!
TELLER
TAKE YOUR TIME, BOYS, GET IT ALL!

WE WANT THREE CARS... A PLANE AND PILOT AT AIRPORT... AND SAFE CONDUCT OUTA HERE!
TALK & BARRY 11/20


...IF YOU COPS DON'T FOLLOW ORDERS... THESE PEOPLE WILL BE DEAD!
!
POLICE
MAYOR'S ON HIS WAY, CHIEF.


...GUNMEN ARE INSIDE THE BANK... HOLDING TEN HOSTAGES... THREATEN TO KILL THEM, UNLESS POLICE...
NEWS DESK
POLICE

...UNLESS WE LET THEM GO WITH THEIR LOOT, THEY'LL KILL THE HOSTAGES, MR. MAYOR.
WHAT CAN WE DO, CHIEF?

... WE CAN STORM IN-- INNOCENT PEOPLE WILL BE KILLED-- OR WE CAN LET THEM GO...
...WE CAN'T LET THEM KILL--LET THEM GO--
POLICE
?
WAIT... DON'T GIVE IN YET--
TALK & BARRY 11/21

THE DAYLIGHT BANK ROBBERY...
WE'LL WAIT ONE HOUR...
!!!
...THEN WE'LL START SHOOTING THESE PEOPLE. HEAR THAT, OUT THERE?
TALK & BARRY 11/22

WE HEAR...
CHIEF, WE'VE GOT TO GIVE THOSE CROOKS SAFE CONDUCT. LET ME TELL THEM...

THIS IS THE MAYOR. I PROMISE WE WILL... UH...
?!!
DON'T PROMISE ANYTHING YET.

MR. MAYOR, YOU CAN'T GIVE IN TO THOSE THUGS' BLACKMAIL.
NO?.. AND LET THEM KILL TEN INNOCENT PEOPLE?
HEY... WHO IN BLAZES ARE YOU?
TALK & BARRY 11/23

NEVER MIND WHO I AM. LET ME TRY TO HELP BEFORE YOU GIVE IN.
?
?

FIFTY MINUTES LEFT, MISTER MAYOR... TAKE OUR DEAL... OR WE START SHOOTING...
!
!

HURRY UP WITH THAT... GOTTA MOVE!
READY IN A MINUTE!
!!!
45 MINUTES LEFT... MISTER MAYOR. HAVE CARS READY... OR WE START SHOOTING THE HOSTAGES!
ELLER
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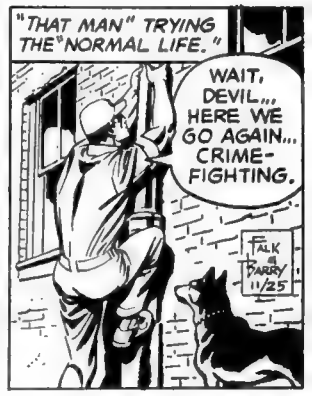
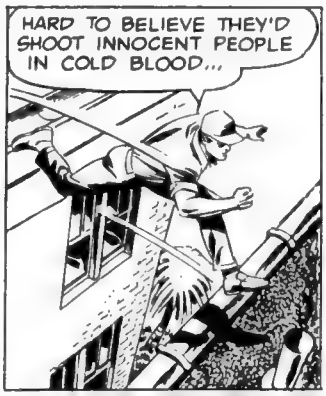
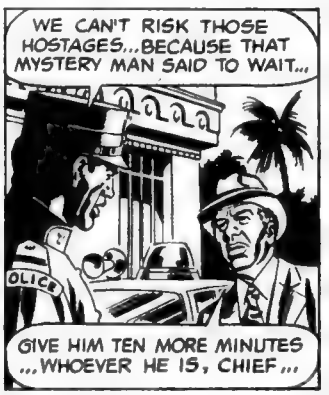
WE'RE NOT KIDDIN'.
WELL, MR. MAYOR?
THAT MAN... SAID "WAIT"... WE DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS... BUT IT'S A CHANCE...


"THAT MAN" TRYING THE "NORMAL LIFE."
WAIT, DEVIL... HERE WE GO AGAIN... CRIME-FIGHTING.
TALK & BARRY 11/25

BANDITS INSIDE THE BANK... WITH TEN HOSTAGES ... MEN AND WOMEN...
TALK & BARRY 11/26


HARD TO BELIEVE THEY'D SHOOT INNOCENT PEOPLE IN COLD BLOOD...

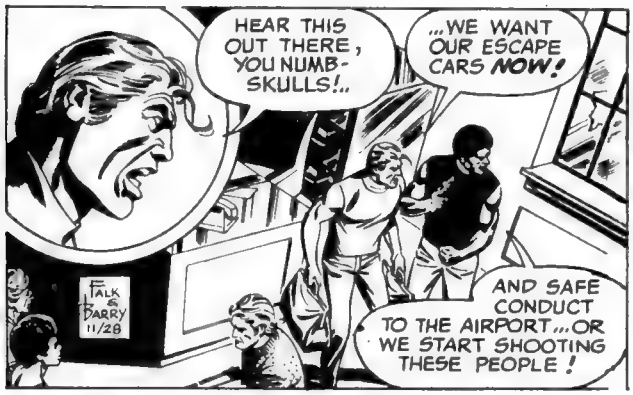
40 MINUTES BEFORE WE START SHOOTING, MISTER MAYOR! WHERE'S THE CARS?


WE CAN'T RISK THOSE HOSTAGES... BECAUSE THAT MYSTERY MAN SAID TO WAIT...
OLICE
GIVE HIM TEN MORE MINUTES ... WHOEVER HE IS, CHIEF...

JACK... WE'VE GOT ALL THE LOOT!
TIME TO GO!
I TOLD THEM OUT THERE WE'D WAIT 30 MORE MINUTES.
!

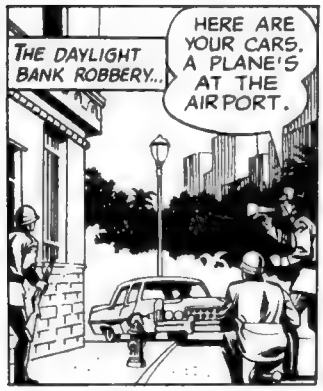
WERE THROUGH WAITING! TELL THEM TO GET CARS OUT THERE FOR US NOW...
FALK & BARRY 11/27

...OR WE'LL START KNOCKING OFF THESE FOLKS... ONE AT A TIME!
OKAY!

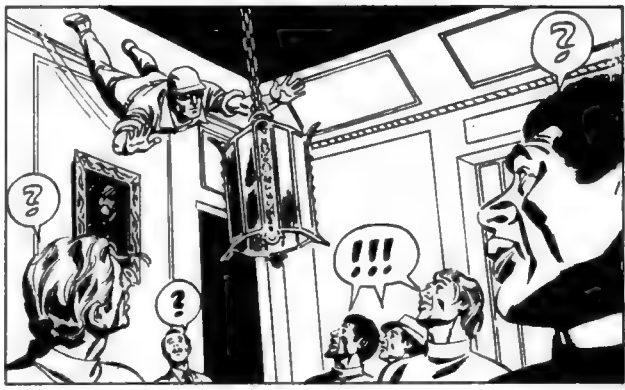

HEAR THIS OUT THERE, YOU NUMB-SKULLS!..
...WE WANT OUR ESCAPE CARS NOW!
AND SAFE CONDUCT TO THE AIRPORT... OR WE START SHOOTING THESE PEOPLE!
FALK & BARRY 11/28

YOU CAN'T MURDER THOSE INNOCENT PEOPLE!
IT'S THEM ...OR US!
POLICE

MR. MAYOR... WE CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER FOR THAT MYSTERY MAN.
POLICE
RIGHT, CHIEF. GIVE THEM SAFE CONDUCT!


THE DAYLIGHT BANK ROBBERY...
HERE ARE YOUR CARS. A PLANE'S AT THE AIRPORT.

WE WON! WE WON!
FALK & BARRY 11/29
LET'S GO!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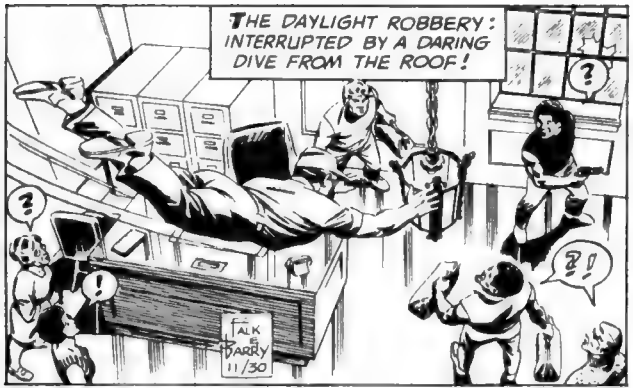
THE DAYLIGHT ROBBERY: INTERRUPTED BY A DARING DIVE FROM THE ROOF!
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!
?!
FALK & BARRY 11/30

WHO IS THAT?
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WHAT ARE THEY WAITING FOR? WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE?
?
??

DIVING FROM THE ROOF... THE PHANTOM INTERRUPTS THE DAYLIGHT BANK ROBBERY!
FALK & BARRY 12/2
MIND IF I JOIN YOU?
UH!
UMPH!
THE PHANTOM AND THE BANK ROBBERS...
IF I CAN GET A CLEAR SHOT AT HIM... WITHOUT HITTING MY GUYS...
OH...
..OW..
SOCK
NOW...!
FALK & BARRY 12/3
UH...
CRASH
WHERE ARE THOSE CRUMMY BANDITS?
SOMETHING'S GOING ON... INSIDE THE BANK...
FALK & BARRY 12/4
A SHORT WHISTLE... NOTED ONLY BY DEVIL...
UNBELIEVABLE! FIVE ARMED THUGS...
HE KNOCKED THEM ALL... OUT!
BARE-HANDED!
WHO... ARE YOU?
JUST A VISITOR (PUFF-PUFF) ENJOYING THE (WHEW) NORMAL LIFE...
AMAZING... YOU CAME OUT OF NOWHERE...
...KNOCKED OUT FIVE ARMED BANDITS... WITH YOUR BARE HANDS!
THEY HAVEN'T MOVED YET!
YOU'RE FREE TO GO NOW...
THE... HOSTAGES!
WHERE ARE THE BANDITS?
ON THE FLOOR!
NATL BANK
IT'S ALL OVER!
POLICE
FALK & BARRY 12/5

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE BANK?
THAT MAN... CAME OUT OF NOWHERE... AND KNOCKED OUT FIVE ARMED THUGS!
WHAT A FIGHT! HE WAS MARVELOUS! WOW!
NATL BANK
THE MYSTERIOUS STRANGER...!
FALK & BARRY 12/6

THERE ARE THE BANDITS...!
...STILL KNOCKED OUT!
THERE'S THE LOOT...
BUT WHERE IS HE?

THE BANK ROBBERY THAT FAILED..
UNBELIEVABLE...THAT ONE MAN... DID ALL THIS ALONE... BAREHANDED...KNOCKED OUT FIVE ARMED THUGS!
AND SO HANDSOME ...TOO!
WHERE DID HE GO?

WOW... HE HIT HARD...NONE OF THEM ARE MOVING YET...
CHIEF... LOOK AT THIS..!
POLICE
FALK & BARRY 12/7

THE SIGN OF THE SKULL!
??!!

ON HIS JAW, CHIEF!
SKULL MARK!
FALK & BARRY 12/9

SAME THING... ON THE OTHER GUYS!

THE SIGN OF THE SKULL!
THE SAME... ON ALL FIVE?!
WHO WAS THAT STRANGER?
THE PHANTOM..
!
THE PHANTOM.
POLICE
!

ENGALLA NEWS
AYLIGHT BANK
BBERS SEIZED
HOSTAGES UNHARMED
RESCUED BY MYSTERIOUS STRANGER
WHO WAS THE MYSTERIOUS STRANGER?
NOBODY KNEW. CAME FROM NOWHERE...
A REAL SLUGGER!
SO STRONG AND HAND-SOME.
NO IDEA WHO HE WAS...
FALK & BARRY 12/10

BUT WORD GETS AROUND.. THEY KNOW... THE PHANTOM'S IN TOWN!
SKULL MARK... PHANTOM...
PHANTOM..
!
!
GHOST WHO WALKS...

IN TOWN... A STRANGE NIGHT...
SO QUIET TONIGHT. WHAT'S GOING ON?
YOU GOT ME. WEIRD.
DESK SERGEAN

FIRST TIME IN A DECADE... A NIGHT WITH NO CRIME.
I COULDA STAYED IN BED...

THE WORD IS OUT... THE PHANTOM'S IN TOWN!
GOING TO DO THAT JOB TONIGHT?
NO WAY!
LAY LOW... KEEP OFF THE STREET... NOTHIN' TONIGHT...
CAFE
FALK & BARRY 12/11

A RARE NIGHT IN TOWN... NO CRIME...
LAY LOW...
COOL IT...
DON'T TRY ANY-THING TONIGHT...

HEY, BUSTER... WHOEVER YOU ARE... IF YOU'RE PLANNING A HIT TONIGHT... DON'T...
WHY?

THE PHANTOM'S IN TOWN!
THANKS. I'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND.
FALK & BARRY 12/12

WHAT'LL WE DO, DEVIL... STAY HERE, OR GO BACK TO THE JUNGLE WHERE WE BELONG?

FOR DIANA'S SAKE... I PROMISED MYSELF TO TRY TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE...
FALK & BARRY 12/13

SOME LIFE!
NO JOBS!
ROOM FOR REN
NO MONEY... NO ROOM!
SPECIAL HAMBURG
CHIPS
NO MONEY... NO FOOD!
REPORT THAT MUGGER? GET INVOLVED? NO!

THE NORMAL LIFE?
DON'T WORK SO FAST! DRAG IT OUT!
GET MOVING, BUM!
HE TRIED TO KILL YOU... FOR YOUR SHOES!
FALK & BARRY 12/14

A CITIZEN'S ARREST...
BURNING HOUSE...
BANK ROBBERS...
IS THIS IT?
CRASH!
NEXT WEEK: THE LAST TRY.

DEVIL, I'VE ABOUT DECIDED THIS "NORMAL LIFE" IS NOT FOR ME. I'VE TRIED MANY THINGS...
IMPORT
IMPORT
TALK & BARRY 12/16

HAVE I GIVEN IT A FAIR CHANCE? ALL I DID WAS MANUAL LABOR... BECAUSE I LIKE THE OUTDOORS...

HALF THE WORLD SEEMS TO LIVE BY SELLING TO THE OTHER HALF...
SPOR
HONEST SALESMAN WANTED
I'LL GIVE IT A LAST TRY...

ANY SALES EXPERIENCE?
NO.
SP
HONEST SALESMAN WANTED

GOOD! YOU'RE HONEST. EVERYONE STOLE ME BLIND. YOU'RE HIRED!
TALK & BARRY 12/17

START RIGHT IN.
CAMPING
HUNTING
OKAY.
MAN WANTS ME TO BE HONEST. MAYBE THERE IS SOME HOPE IN THE "NORMAL LIFE."

MAY I SEE THAT ARCHERY SET FOR MY GRANDSON? UH..!
GANGWAY, SHORTY. I'M IN A HURRY.

WHAT IS THIS?
HE WAS AHEAD OF YOU.
SO WHAT? I'M IN A HURRY. I WANT TWENTY ARCHERY SETS... AND NO BACK-TALK.

WAIT YOUR TURN...
Rifles
WHY, YOU CREEP!
SPORTS
MY BEST CUSTOMER!
AND WE DON'T LIKE THAT KIND OF TALK!
TALK & BARRY 12/18

WHAT ARE YOU DOING... TO MY BEST CUSTOMER?
...AND DON'T COME BACK!
SPOR
TALK & BARRY 12/19

HE SHOVED THIS CUSTOMER WHO WAS AHEAD OF HIM... AND I WON'T STAND FOR THAT!
CAMPING
OKAY, OKAY, HOLD YOUR TEMPER...

I'D LIKE TO BUY THAT FOR MY GRANDSON...
NOT THAT ONE. SHEER JUNK.
Archery
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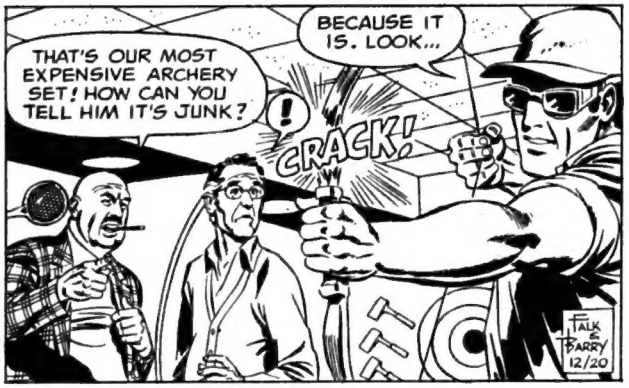

THAT'S OUR MOST EXPENSIVE ARCHERY SET! HOW CAN YOU TELL HIM IT'S JUNK?
BECAUSE IT IS. LOOK...
!
CRACK!
FALK & BARRY 12/20

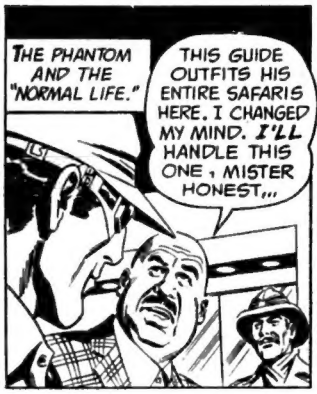
THIS ONE'S ALSO JUNK, BUT HALF THE PRICE... OKAY FOR YOUR GRANDSON.
I'LL... COME BACK...
!

YOU TRYING TO RUIN ME?
YOU WANTED AN HONEST SALESMAN.
HONEST SALESMAN WANTED

FIRST YOU THREW OUT ONE OF MY BEST CUSTOMERS...
HE SHOVED A CUSTOMER AND USED FOUL LANGUAGE...
CAMPIN
FALK & BARRY 12/21

THEN YOU TELL ANOTHER CUSTOMER THE ARCHERY SETS ARE JUNK!
SO THEY ARE.

WHAT KIND OF SALESMAN ARE YOU?
AN HONEST ONE.
TOO HONEST!
HERE COMES MY BIGGEST CUSTOMER. YOUR LAST CHANCE...


THE PHANTOM AND THE "NORMAL LIFE."
THIS GUIDE OUTFITS HIS ENTIRE SAFARIS HERE. I CHANGED MY MIND. I'LL HANDLE THIS ONE, MISTER HONEST...

I'VE BROUGHT LORD AND LADY TWANKLE FOR A COMPLETE SAFARI OUTFIT. NOTHING BUT THE BEST.
OF COURSE!
HUNTING

WE'LL START WITH THESE RIFLES...THIS AMMUNITION.
THOSE COSTLY RIFLES ARE USELESS TO YOU... FOR ELEPHANT AND RHINO...BOTH PROTECTED SPECIES...
YOU WON'T USE THAT MUCH AMMO IN A YEAR.
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?
UH... SPUTTER... SPUTTER...
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PURE SILK...
...DON'T BUY THAT EXPENSIVE JUNK. IT WON'T LAST A NIGHT IN THE JUNGLE...
SPUTTER... SPUTTER...
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I'VE HAD IT. GOOD-BYE!
WAIT... DON'T GO...

I ONLY TOLD THE TRUTH. YOU HIRED ME BECAUSE I AM HONEST.
GAMES
HONEST? YOU'RE CRAZY! YOU'RE FIRED!

ONE MORE DAY WITH YOU... AND I'D BE BANKRUPT!
SALESMAN WANTED
THAT DOES IT, DEVIL...

I'VE HAD IT... THE LYING, CHEATING, STEALING, HATRED, INJUSTICE...

THERE ARE TIMES, THEY SAY, WHEN THE PHANTOM ENTERS THE TOWN AS AN ORDINARY MAN...
GOOD-BYE TO THE "NORMAL LIFE."
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...THIS WAS ONE OF THOSE TIMES.

NOW... THE THUNDER OF HERO'S HOOVES... THE GREAT WHITE STALLION...
PHANTOM!
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...PAST THE NATURAL FORMATION CALLED PHANTOM-HEAD...

...PAST THE WHISPERING GROVE...
PHAN-TOM
PHAN-TOM

...THE FABULOUS JADE HUT AND GOLDEN BEACH OF KEELA-WEE.
ALMOST HOME, FELLAS!

GOING HOME... PAST HIS WONDERFUL ISLE OF EDEN... WHERE THE BEASTS LIVE IN PEACE TOGETHER...
HEL--LO...
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...INTO THE SECRET ENTRANCE OF THE DEEP WOODS OF THE PYGMY POISON PEOPLE...
UNCLE WALKER!
PHANTOM!
GHOST WHO WALKS!
...THE SKULL CAVE... SKULL THRONE.. HOME!

HOME... A FEAST IN THE DEEP WOODS.
WE WERE AFRAID YOU'D NEVER COME BACK.
I WASN'T AFRAID. I KNEW YOU'D COME HOME!
PHANTOM ...ALWAYS... RETURN.
MAYBE THEY KNEW SOMETHING I DIDN'T.
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DIANA... I TRIED. YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE ME AS I AM...
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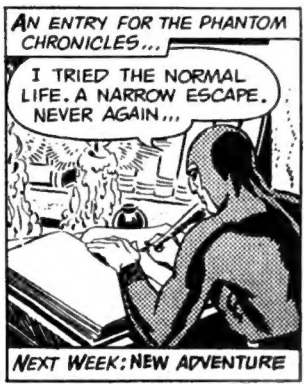
AN ENTRY FOR THE PHANTOM CHRONICLES...
I TRIED THE NORMAL LIFE. A NARROW ESCAPE. NEVER AGAIN...
NEXT WEEK: NEW ADVENTURE